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SUBJECT: INTER-AMERICAN EXPORT PROMOTION CENTER (CIPE)

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1. THE COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO TRY TO KEEP CIPE ALIVE FOR AT LEAST A WHILE LONGER. A SPECIAL OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINNING DEC 12 WILL CONSIDER THE 1978 OAS BUDGET, INCLUDING CIPE'S BUDGET.
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THE HELLER/BOTERO REPORT (REFTEL) SEVERELY CRITICIZING CIPE WILL BE CONSIDERED. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS WOULD TERMINATE CIPE'S EXISTENCE. IT NOW SEEMS THAT IT WILL NOT BE THAT SIMPLE. MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS WILL SUPPORT COLOMBIA'S REQUEST TO THE SPECIAL GA THAT IT RETAIN CIPE, "ADJUSTING ITS BUDGET TO A REALISTIC LEVEL AND POSTPONING ANY DECISION WITH REGARD

TO ITS PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY", WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE NEXT MAY. A NUMBER OF DELEGATES ARE ALSO QUITE CRITICAL OF THE HELLER/BOTERO REPORT.

2. WE STILL THINK THAT CIPE AS AN ORGANIZATION IS NOT SERVING A USEFUL PURPOSE, AND THAT AN OAS EXPORT PROMOTION FUNCTION SHOULD CONTINUE PERHAPS OUTSIDE CIPE AND LOCATED

ELSEWHERE THAN BOGOTA. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, SEE ANYTHING TO BE GAINED BY THE GESTURE OF VOTING ALONE AGAINST COLOMBIA'S PROPOSAL. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE CAN SUPPORT COLOMBIA, AND WE WILL SURELY HAVE TO INDICATE OUR SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT CIPE. ABSTENTION ON CIPE'S BUDGET WOULD BE AN UNUSUAL STEP IN OAS PRACTICE, BUT THIS MAY BE WHAT WE WILL HAVE TO DO.

3. THE GOC IS STILL AS MUCH AS A YEAR BEHIND IN ITS SPECIAL FINANCIAL PAYMENTS FOR CIPE, AND MANY COUNTRIES ARE IN ARREARS IN FULFILLING THEIR VOLUNTARY PLEDGES TO CIPE. IT IS AN OPEN QUESTION OF HOW MANY COUNTRIES WILL PLEDGE AT THE SPECIAL GA TO PAY ANYTHING TO CIPE IN 1978. PROEXPO RECENTLY ADVISED THE SECRETARIAT THAT COLOMBIA WOULD PAY ITS ARREARAGES AS PART OF AN ORDERLY LIQUIDATION OF CIPE, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT THIS DECISION WAS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION. OBVIOUSLY THE CUR-

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RENT INSTRUCTIONS SIGNIFY REJECTION OF PROEXPO'S POSITION AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

4. AMONG THE COUNTRIES LIKELY TO TAKE AN INTEREST BESIDES COLOMBIA ARE ECUADOR, SINCE CIPE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR XAVIER ROCA IS ECUADORIAN, ARGENTINA, BECAUSE UNTIL RECENT YEARS CIPE WAS TO SOME EXTENT AN ARGENTINE FIEFDOM, GUATEMALA, WHOSE RAUL TEJADA OF GUATEXPRO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CIPE AFFAIRS, AND OTHER CENTRAL AMERICANS WHO ARE CONCERNED THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM AN EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM.

5. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION OR CONSIDERATIONS YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ADD. CHRISTOPHER

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